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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Chinese patent document was cited in an Official Letter/Search Report, dated January 6, 2006, in a foreign counterpart application. A copy each of the Search Report and the Chinese patent document are also enclosed.

## FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has <u>not</u> been received in the subject application, neither a statement, petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is

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**REMARKS** 

U.S. Patent No. 5,617,198 (Ishikawa, et al.) is identified in a Dialog database as

being in the patent family of Chinese Patent Document No. 1115423.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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